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**Agricultural Summary:** For the week ending November 7, 2004, corn and grain sorghum harvest continued active with nearly three-fourths of the crops combined, according to USDA’s Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Harvest progress continued a week and a half behind average due to high grain moisture content, capacity of grain drying facilities, and available storage space. Producer activities this past week centered around fall harvest and putting cattle out on crop residue.

**Weather Summary:** Temperatures for the week ranged from normals to 4 degrees above normals. Precipitation was mostly limited to the eastern third of the state and the Panhandle. Amounts received were largest in the east with a few reports exceeding three-fourths of an inch.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable: Nebraska, Week Ending November 7, 2004				
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
Percent				
Topsoil				
Very Short	11	7	25	23
Short	26	30	41	36
Adequate	63	62	33	39
Surplus	0	1	1	2
Subsoil				
Very Short	33	25	41	38
Short	32	36	44	36
Adequate	35	39	15	26
Surplus	0	0	0	0
Days Suitable	5.7	5.2	4.6	5.1

**Field Crops Report:** Corn harvest was 73 percent complete, a week behind last year at 88 and a week and a half behind average at 87.

Soybean harvest was nearly complete at 98 percent, behind last year at 99 and the same as average.

Sorghum harvest was 75 percent complete, a week to ten days behind last year and average at 91.

Dry bean harvest, at 97 percent, continued to lag behind last year and average. Harvest by this date last year and for the 5-year average had been completed for at least one week.

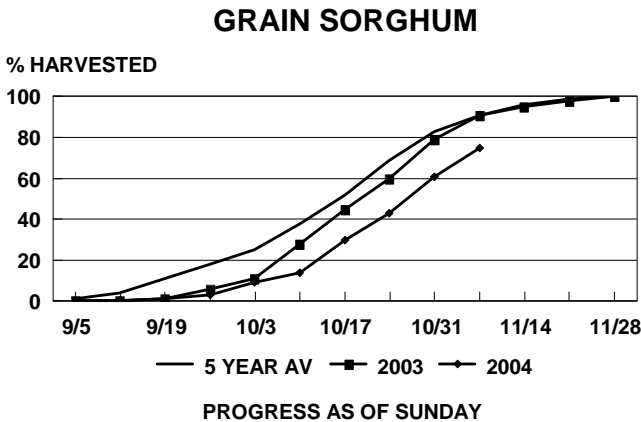
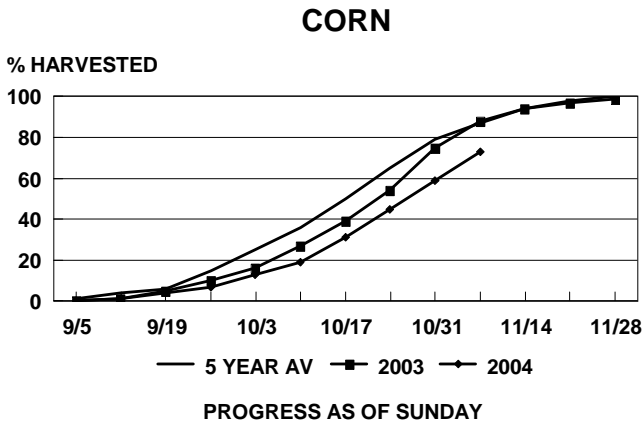
Wheat conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 33 fair, 51 good, and 13 excellent, above last year and average.

Crop Progress: Nebraska, Week Ending November 7, 2004				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
Percent				
Corn Harvested	73	59	88	87
Sorghum Harvested	75	61	91	91
Soybeans Harvested	98	96	99	98

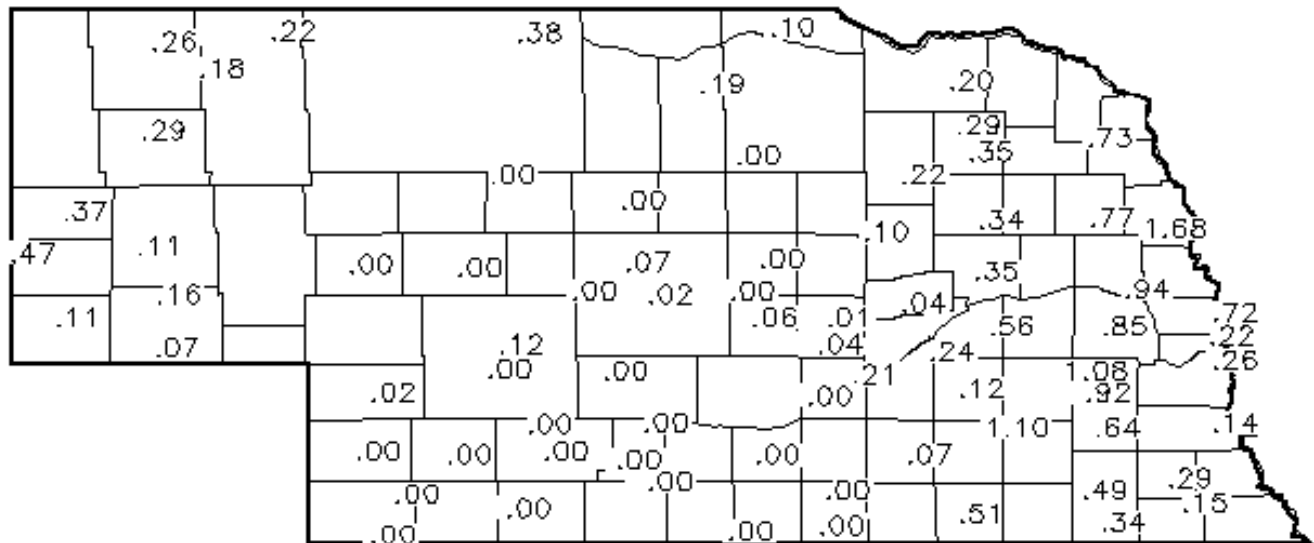
Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending November 7, 2004					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					
Wheat	0	3	33	51	13

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Cattle were being moved to glean crop residue as stalk fields became available.

*This release is based on data from FSA county directors, county extension educators, NOAA, and the High Plains Climate Center. County comments and reports can be found at: [http://www.nass.usda.gov/ne/cropwthr/cmts\\_cur.htm](http://www.nass.usda.gov/ne/cropwthr/cmts_cur.htm). For those receiving an e-mail text version of this publication, a complete version including crop progress charts and precipitation maps can be found at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ne/cropwthr/2004.htm>.*



Precipitation in Inches for Week Ending November 7, 2004



Precipitation: By District, Nebraska, April 1 - November 7, 2004

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week 1	.24	.13	.54	.04	.53	.01	.00	.33
Total since April 1	15.17	18.96	21.35	19.72	18.91	20.01	19.93	19.51
Normal since April 1	14.03	18.14	21.39	19.95	23.57	16.83	19.73	24.78
Total as % of normal	107%	104%	100%	98%	80%	119%	101%	79%

Source: High Plains Climate Center data as of 8:00 a.m.

Temperature, By Location, Nebraska,  
Week Ending Sunday, November 7, 2004

Station		Temperature			
		Extremes		Average	Departure
		High	Low		
NW	Alliance	71	18	43	+3
	Scottsbluff	73	15	42	+2
	Sidney	70	12	40	0
NC	Ainsworth	74	25	45	+4
	Arthur	74	20	44	+3
	O'Neill	75	26	45	+3
NE	Concord	76	24	44	+1
	Elgin	77	26	45	+3
	West Point	78	24	44	0
C	Grand Island	75	21	45	+3
	Lexington	76	24	45	+4
	Ord	78	23	44	+2
EC	Lincoln	78	26	47	+2
	Central City	76	23	44	+2
	Mead	78	23	45	0
SW	Champion	77	16	43	+2
	North Platte	77	20	44	+3
	Curtis	76	17	44	+3
SC	Smithfield	74	20	45	+3
	Minden	76	20	44	+3
	Red Cloud	74	19	45	+3
SE	Beatrice	79	22	46	+1
	Clay Center	76	21	45	+2
	Nemaha	79	29	49	+4

Source: High Plains Climate Center.